

## KDES celebrates deaf heritage

Kendall Demonstration Elementary School is recognizing March as Deaf Heritage Month with a number of activities centering around 1993's theme: "Deaf Heritage: Celebrating Our Pride and Our Power."

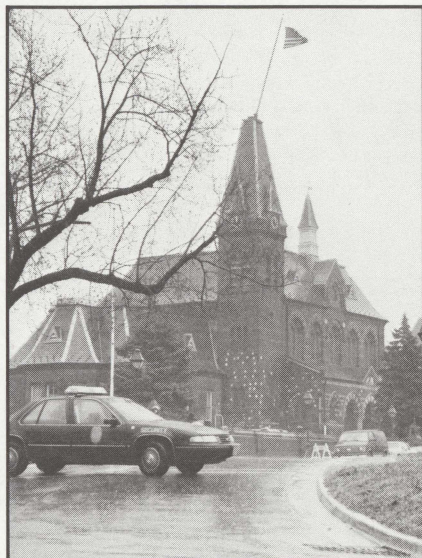
The month began with a program led by noted deaf actor Dr. Bernard Bragg, Vice President for Pre-College Programs Harvey Corson, and KDES Principal Nancy Shook. On March 10, a dance program was performed by African-American deaf students from KDES and the Model Secondary School for the Deaf. And on March 11, KDES noted the fifth anniversary of the DPN movement with a March 11 visit by six key leaders of DPN: Gallaudet President I. King Jordan, Board of Trustees Chair Philip Bravin, and former student leaders Tim Rarus, Greg Hlibok, Bridgetta Bourne-Firl, and Jerry Covell.

A number of other events celebrating deafness will take place at the school. On March 17, at 1 p.m. in the school auditorium, faculty and staff will put their memories to the test in a game of deaf trivia that will be led by students. Master storyteller Evon Black will act out a program, "Deaf Tales," on March 23 at 9:15 a.m. in the Primary Area and 9:45 a.m. in the auditorium.

Several exhibits will be on display during the month. Marie Williams, a deaf artist, is exhibiting her crafts near the library; a display of ASL and deaf culture books and videotapes is available for review in the main floor hallway; biographies of notable deaf women, past and present, are on display in the front lobby; and examples of the many magazines, newspapers, and other publications published by and about the deaf community are on exhibit in the mall area. In addition, T-shirts loaned to the school by deaf faculty and staff that relate to the deaf community have been hung in the main floor hallway.

In addition to these programs and displays, students are participating daily in exercises to increase their knowledge and understanding of their culture. Some of these hands-on activities include exercises using name signs and sign puzzles, a graph of communication assistive devices used in the home, a study of the history of deaf people, a student art mural, a KDES family tree, and a poster contest using the theme "Deaf Experience: The Art of Eyes and Hands."

Deaf Heritage Month at KDES will close with a panel discussion by deaf people who will share their cultural experiences. Panelists include William Danacay, Dan Lucero, Maria Ruiz, Harold Turner, and Pat Yates.



Heavy rains accompanied by high winds that whipped through the area March 4 bent the Chapel Hall flagpole to a precarious angle. The pole was taken down for repairs.

## Women learn about corporate world

About 50 women gained insight into the corporate world March 5 when Beth Schreiber, senior product manager for State Telecommunications Relay Services at MCI Corporation, opened the mini-conference "Workforce 2000: Trends for Women in a New Age" by telling of her experiences moving to corporate America from Gallaudet, where she was coordinator of the Adult Literacy Initiative in the College for Continuing Education.

The conference was one part of a year-long project of the Silver Spring-Wheaton Business and Professional Women (BPW) to integrate deaf women into its membership. The Metro Washington Chapter of Deaf Women United and BPW co-sponsored the event. Sponsors also included Gallaudet's Experiential Programs Off Campus/Career Center and the College for Continuing Education.

Schreiber's talk, "Breaking Barriers in Corporate America," centered on how different corporate America is from educational settings and how people can take skills they have learned and used in one setting and apply them in other situations. Since she started at MCI four months ago, said Schreiber, she has experienced three reorganizations. She said the communications industry has its own language. "I have to really work at understanding what they're talking about."

Schreiber told the group that Americans are expected to change careers and to enter a new field six to eight times in their lives. As one who is on her fourth career, Schreiber advised the women to look for, request, and attend all of the training they can get, saying that most companies are willing to pay

## Sasakawa's \$1 million donation will benefit international students

International students who have been despairing at the thought of how to meet Gallaudet's tuition surcharge increase for foreign students mandated by Congress last fall when the Education of the Deaf Act was reauthorized, recently received a beacon of hope in the form of a \$1 million donation from Japan's Sasakawa Foundation.

Foreign students in the graduate and undergraduate programs at Gallaudet will soon be able to apply for scholarships from the Sasakawa International Scholarship Fund established at Gallaudet at the end of February. The amount of money to be allocated to each student, and the number of students who will be permitted to receive awards, has not yet been decided by the University.

The Sasakawa Foundation was established in 1962 by wealthy businessman Rioichi Sasakawa. The mission of the foundation is to promote world peace through philanthropic activities that transcend politics, ideology, race, and religion. Applicants from developing countries are given a higher priority for receiving the scholarship.

Gallaudet joins other United States institutions of higher education, including Yale, Princeton, Duke, and the University of California at Berkeley, as a recipient of Sasakawa Foundation support. "We are proud to be included in this group and delighted to have this additional scholarship support available for international students," said Dr. Margaret Hall, vice president for Development.

Gallaudet's negotiations with Sasakawa began in 1991 when a Japanese businessman had a set of films captioned by Gallaudet's Department of TV, Film, and Photography. He suggested to Ron Reed, director of Television Production, and Eleanor Galloway, coordinator of TV and Caption Services, that he would use his contacts to help Gallaudet get support from Sasakawa. He arranged for Gallaudet President I. King Jordan to meet with officials from the foundation in July 1991.

"This happened at an opportune time because the Development Office was focusing special efforts on raising money for scholarship funds to support Gallaudet's deaf international students," said Charles Van Hecke, director of major and planned giving for the Development Office.



MSSD's Road Show performs a scene from its recent tour of Puerto Rico. The company is heading for the Carolinas and Florida, and has scheduled fund raising performances for March 24 and 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Ely Auditorium. For tickets, which are \$2 in advance for students, \$3 at the door, and \$4 in advance for adults, \$5 at the door, call x5466 or see any Road Show member. (Photo by Goodman/Van Ripper)



## Class proves it's never too late to learn

The first hard evidence Assistant Professor of English Ann Beasley had that the English 60 class she wanted to teach last fall would be a reality came from Astrid Goodstein, executive director for Enrollment Services, via E-mail. "Dear Ann," wrote Goodstein. "You have your first student. He is 70 years old."

Beasley, who is coordinator of the English Language Program (ELP), where students with weak English skills work to raise their skills to the freshman level, and professor of English Diane O'Connor approached Goodstein about offering the special English 60 class last spring and Goodstein recruited older students for it. By fall, they had an English 60 class of 10 adults aged 24 to 70, with several in their 40s. They were beginning their first semester of college and, based on English Placement Test scores, were looking at up to two years in the ELP.

At 15 hours of class time each week and out-of-class tutoring, English 60 is the most intensive of the three courses offered through the ELP. Students study English structure, vocabulary, writing, and reading. "It's dry; it's boring stuff," said Beasley. "But we've made it a good learning environment."

So good, in fact, that the students have increased their English Placement Test scores more than Beasley has ever seen in one semester, and nine of the 10 are continuing to improve their English skills through a special section of English 100 this spring that Beasley is again tailoring to their specific needs.

"[Theirs] is a remarkable achievement," said Beasley, who added that the oldest had been out of school for 50 years.

What may be more pertinent though, is that these students are still here.

Some of the students left jobs they had held for 15 years and moved across the country to fulfill their dream of going to college. One owned a construction company in New York, one worked at a bank, another at a computer company, many taught sign language at community colleges, and some cleaned houses and did odd jobs to earn a living. They have come from as far away as California, Utah, Japan, and Poland. Some have had to leave families behind; others have had

spouses move to join them. Many have had to work at getting financial support so they could go to college.

"For a lot of them, I think that their ability to stay really came from the support of the class, from each other," Beasley said.

Several students echoed Beasley's sentiments, saying, "We don't know how we would make it if it was not for our wonderful class."

"I am really glad that I decided to go ahead with English 60," said Kathleen McMurphy, who moved here from Texas to enter Gallaudet and has grown sons and one who is a junior at the Maryland School for the Deaf. "I had some trouble with my lack of English skills giving me difficulties at work."

McMurphy said she is surprised at how well she is doing in English and at how much she has learned.

While Beasley taught the class, O'Connor taught another section of English 60 and served as resource person for reading exercises for the special class. The class also worked on their writing skills using the Electronic Networks for Interaction (ENFI) system with Associate Professor of English John Canney. Another English 60 class for older students is planned next fall.

## ICD director Eli Savanick dies

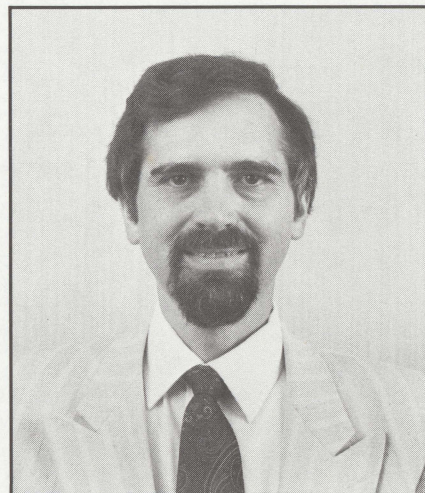
Eli Savanick, director of Gallaudet's International Center on Deafness (ICD), died March 8 from a heart attack. He was 45.

Savanick began his career at Gallaudet in 1973 as head resident in the Office of Student Life. In 1976 he moved to ICD and became director of the center in 1979. In addition to being a leader and advocate for deaf communities around the world, Savanick coordinated two regional centers for Gallaudet, PROGRESO in Costa Rica, and CERC in Puerto Rico.

Savanick received a master's degree in preschool deaf education from Gallaudet in 1975 and was working on his Ph.D. at the time of his death. He was a certified interpreter for deaf people and he was involved in many organizations, including Children of Deaf Adults, TRIPOD, Partners of America, and the Inter-American Children's Institute.

A funeral was held March 11 at the Kent Island United Methodist Church in Stevensville, Md.

Savanick is survived by his wife, Lynda, and two children. The family has requested that a Savanick International Memorial Fund be established at the University to promote international efforts.



Eli Savanick



Kim Calabretta, a University of Maryland intern at Gallaudet, draws the name of Susan Klein of Lafayette, N.Y., one of 51 alumni who responded to an employment survey. Klein received a \$20 gift certificate from the Bookstore. Also pictured are survey sponsors Dr. Jane Dillehay, chair of the Biology Department (left), and Debra Radcliffe-Borsch, placement counselor in EPOC/Career Center.

## Announcements

The University's official portrait of President I. King Jordan will be on display in the upper level of "Ole Jim" on Wednesday, March 31, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The portrait of Dr. Jordan was painted by deaf artist William Sparks, who was also commissioned to paint the portraits of former Gallaudet presidents Dr. Edward C. Merrill Jr. and Dr. Jerry Lee.

The 1993 Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf (CAID) and the Conference of Educational Administrators Serving the Deaf (CEASD) convention, "Pride is with us," will be held June 26-30 at the Omni-Inner Harbor Hotel, Baltimore, Md. The convention will be co-sponsored by the Maryland School for the Deaf and Gallaudet's Pre-College Programs Outreach division. Gallaudet will offer two pre-conference one-credit graduate courses

on June 25 and 26—"Whole Language Approaches in Educating Deaf Students" and "Deaf Studies Throughout the Curriculum." For information about the convention, call Marilyn Galloway, x5340, and for information about the graduate courses, call Jacqueline Mann, x4554. For Call for Papers information, contact Mike Finneran, program chair, California School for the Deaf, 39350 Gallaudet Drive, Fremont, CA 94538.

Gallaudet faculty, staff, and students may now borrow materials from Lauinger, the main library at the Georgetown University campus, provided their ALADIN records show no outstanding fines or overdue materials. For information and a Direct Borrowers' Approval Form, stop by the Circulation Desk at the Gallaudet Library or call Earl Magee, x5231.

## Classified Ads

**Classified ads** are printed free for Gallaudet faculty and staff. Ads must be submitted in writing to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37, or E-mail LMMCCONNELL. Off-campus phone numbers must include an area code and whether the number is voice or TTY. Ads may be run two weeks if requested and if space permits. Because of the April Fool's issue, ads received March 15-26 will be published April 5.

**FOR SALE:** '89 Williamsburg pop-up camper w/stove, sink, heat, shower, hot water, sleeps 6, used 4 times, \$4,200. Call Connie, x5340, or E-mail CTOLIVER.

**FOR SALE:** Duplex house in Bowie, Md., w/carpet, wood flooring in entry and living room, 2 BRs, 3 full baths, wet bar in basement, spacious country kitchen and dining area, \$118,000/BO. Call Stacey Oliff (301) 390-9141 (V) or x5591.

**FOR SALE:** EPSON LQ 850 24 Pin printer, extra ribbons, box of tractor feed paper, exc. cond., \$200. Call Gloria x5264 or E-mail GJJONES.

**FOR SALE:** Holiday Spa Lifetime Executive Membership; no annual fees, no renewal fees. \$700/BO. E-mail IIRBONDROFF or call (202) 675-8710 (TTY) after 8 p.m.

**WANTED:** Deaf adults who receive little or no benefit from hearing aids to participate in 10-mo. NIH-sponsored study using newly developed vibrotactile aid. First language must be English. Participants will be paid. E-mail Paula Tucker, HIPTUCKER, or call x6467.

**WANTED:** Daycare/babysitter for deaf 9-mo.-old boy. Caregiver must be fluent

signer. Prefer setting with other deaf children/hearing children who sign. E-mail Donna Moree at DAMORERE or call x5540 or (301) 306-0049 (V/TTY).

**FOR SALE:** Sony TV 9", old model decoder, table antenna, all for \$50. E-mail YJANDERSSON.

**WANTED:** Tutor in basic English literacy for deaf woman from Puerto Rico. Contact Jane Rutherford, x5232, or E-mail JARUTHERFORD.

**WANTED:** Bookcases, any size, style, color, price nego. Must be able to deliver to D.C. apt. unless small. Good cond. preferred but NOT essential. E-mail ALSHETTLE.

**WANTED:** VCR in good cond. E-mail ALSHETTLE.

## Job Openings

**Some of the advertised positions may already be filled.** The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TTY).

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW: Center for Auditory and Speech Sciences  
FACULTY POSITION: School of Management

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS INSTRUCTOR: School of Management  
ENTREPRENEURIAL STUDIES INSTRUCTOR: School of Management

March 15, 1993



Published each Monday for the staff and faculty of Gallaudet University by the Department of Publications and Production.

### Editor

Todd Byrd

### Editorial Staff

Lynne McConnell  
Andrea Shettle

### Contributor

Melvia Miller-  
Nomeland

### Photography Staff

Chun Louie  
Joan Schlub

### Typesetting

Thomas Corcoran



Gallaudet University is an equal opportunity employer/educational institution and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, age, hearing status, disability, covered veteran status, marital status, personal appearance, sexual orientation, family responsibilities, matriculation, political affiliation, source of income, place of business or residence, pregnancy, childbirth, or any other unlawful basis.